

BURNS BASIN C&H ALLOTMENT
AND
LITTLE 4TH UNIT OF THE FOURTH OF JULY C&H ALLOTMENT
ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

This is the annual operating instructions for the 2003 grazing season for the Burns Basin and Little Fourth Unit of the Fourth of July C&H allotment and will be considered part of the terms and conditions of the grazing permit.

I. Permitted / Authorized Use

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Term Grazing Permit				Authorized use			
No. *	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s	No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s
90	06/01	08/31	272	90	5/15	8/14	272
36	06/01	08/31	109	36	5/15	8/14	109

II. Grazing Schedule and Monitoring Utilization Standards

Actual Grazing Schedule			Allowable Standards		
Unit No.	Unit Name	# Head/HM's	Dates **	Riparian	Uplands
1	Little Fourth	126/45	5/15-5/28	5 in stubble	5 in
3	Burns Basin	126/91	5/29-6/23	5 in stubble	5 in
4/5	Lower Silverleads/Upper Silverleads	126/129	6/24-7/18	5 in stubble	5 in
6	Upper Wagonhammer	126/75 +	7/19-8/03	5 in stubble	5 in
2	Lower Wagonhammer	126/41	8/04-8/14	5 in stubble	5 in
7	Middle Wagonhammer		Incidental use		
8	Resource Pasture		Rested		

***- Note that one herd (126 pairs) will be used to validate both allotments.** The experimental grazing system initiated in 1997, will be used again this year. The Little 4th Unit (Fourth of July C&H) will be used together with the Wagonhammer Unit (Burns Basin C& H) in order to alleviate resource concerns in the Wagonhammer Unit. The Middle Wagonhammer Unit may receive some incidental use. Incidental use is cattle inadvertently drifting into the area that are removed as soon as possible. Use standards of 5 inches will still be met.

**** - These dates are tentative.** Range readiness will be monitored to determine if the on-date is appropriate. Utilization levels will determine the off date. Need 8-10 inches on bluebunch wheatgrass and soil moisture conditions that are dry enough or adequate for grazing.

+ The lower portion on Upper Wagonhammer will be used to gather cattle.

NOTE - Do not wait for the forest officer to tell you it is time to move! It is the permittee's responsibility to insure cattle are moved before utilization levels are exceeded.

III. PERMITTEE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The dates of use and sequence of use may be changed due to forage and/or weather conditions. If for these reasons, or others, you wish to make changes in the dates of use or grazing sequence as described in this plans of use, *please discuss it with us before you do so.*

If you are planning to put less than 90 percent of the permitted cattle on the allotment, you will need to apply for nonuse.

Water troughs are to be filled before cattle enter any of the grazing units.

The permittees shall make every effort to remove all cattle from a grazing unit when the grazing period has ended in that unit. Five days for timbered units, 3 days for non-timbered units.

Proper distribution of livestock is very important to proper forage utilization. Proper distribution can be attained through placement of water developments, salting, and riding. Salt should be place away from all heavily used trails, all roads, ¼ mile away from all water, and all natural concentration areas. Some riding usually needs to be done to herd cattle into unused areas or to prevent them from over-utilizing stream bottoms or other riparian areas.

To meet the State of Idaho's provision for trichomoniasis testing, all bulls must be tested at least 45 days prior to the turnout date.

Please mail your actual use booklet in at the end of the grazing season. This information is one of the many forms of data used to determine how the range is responding to the management practices applied to it.

Any hay or straw used in association with this permit, will be certified and/or tagged as noxious weed, or noxious weed seed free as directed by the order (#04-00-097, 2/03, according to 36CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), and 36 CFR 261.58 (t)) and state law (Idaho Code sec 22 according to IDAPA 02.06.31.001, 7/99).

Salt or minerals blocks will be placed as needed to facilitate livestock use on the allotment except on the Lewis and Clark trail.

The Resource Pasture (formerly the middle unit of Wagonhammer) will be closed to livestock grazing to facilitate the restoration of native bunchgrass communities and protect fisheries restoration efforts and associated undercutting streambanks.

Heritage resources along the Lewis/Clark National Historic Trail require protection. The Thompson Gulch portion of the historic trail will not be used to trail cattle. Cattle will be trailed from the Little Fourth of July Unit to the Burns Basin Unit by way of the high trail by the Wild Cow Water Development and the dugway in the Middle Wagonhammer Unit.

IV. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE/NEW CONSTRUCTION

Improvements on the Burns Basin and Fourth of July (Little 4th unit) C&H Allotments will be maintained to Forest Service standards prior to livestock entry onto the allotment.

Each individual permittee is responsible for maintenance of certain Forest Service range improvements on the allotment, as listed in their grazing permits.

Number	Name	Location	Target Date	Current Condition
702003	Burns Spring No. 1	Nwne sec 11, T.24N., R.21E.	5/28	Satisfactory
702004	Mud Springs Water Development	Nwse sec 11, T.24N., R.21E.	5/28	Satisfactory
702008	Mud Springs Trough	Nwse sec 11, T.24N., R.21E.	5/28	Good
702009	Little Fourth of July Water Devel.	Sese sec 13, T.24N., R.21E.	5/15	Satisfactory
702010	Nelson Spring Water Devel.	Swne sec 25, T.25N., R.21E.	5/15	Good
702027	Wild Cow Spring Water Devel.	Nwnw sec 24, T.24N., R.21E.	8/03	Good
702030	Hawthorne Flat Water Devel.	Sws sec 11, T.24N., R. 21E.	5/28	Satisfactory
702031	Mud Spring Water Devel. Ext.	Sesw sec 11, T.24N., R.21E.	5/28	Satisfactory
702042	Silverleads Division Fence	Swse sec 10, T.24N., R.21E.	5/28	Good
702048	Burns Gulch Drift Fence	Sese, sec. 15, T.24N., R.21E.	5/28	Satisfactory
702049	Wagonhammer Boundary Fence	Nws sec 24, T.24N., R.21E.	5/28	Satisfactory
702054	Upper Wagonhammer Fence	Nwne, sec. 13, T.24, R.21E.	7/18	Satisfactory
702055	Burns Basin Drift Fence	Nese sec 11, T.24N., R.21E.	5/28	Satisfactory
702056	Little Fourth Drift Fence	Nwnw sec 19, T.24N., R.22E.	5/14	Satisfactory
702209	Lower Wagonhammer Fence	Swse sec 22, T.24n., R.21E.	5/14	Good
702211	Mud Springs Extension	Sesw sec 11, T.24N., R.21E.	5/28	Good
702216	Burns Spring #2 Head Box	Nenw sec 11, T.24N., R.21E.	5/28	Good
702217	Burns Spring #1 Headbox	Nwne sec 11, T.24N., R.21E.	5/28	Good

702218	Mud Spring Headbox	Nwse sec 11, T.24N., R.21E.	5/28	Good
702219	Little Silverleads Fence	Sws, sec. 35, T.25N., R.21E.	6/23	Good
702220	Big Silverleads Fence	Swne, sec. 2, T.24, R.21E.	6/23	Good
702221	Wagonhammer/Silverleads Fence	Swse sec. 36, T.25N., R.21E.	6/23	Good

The above range improvements are physically present on the allotment and have been reviewed and found to be in the above condition by the permittee as attested by his signature at the end of this document.

NEW CONSTRUCTION FOR THIS YEAR.

Name	Target Date	By	Responsibilities
Upper Silverleads W.D.	9/30	Permittee	FS-material Permittee-labor
Resource Pasture Fence Extension	9/30	FS	Forest Service
Trail Electric Fence	9/30	FS/Permittee	FS-materials Permittee-labor
Trail Gulch Electric Fence	9/30	FS/Permittee	FS-materials Permittee-labor

V. BILLING INFORMATION

Grazing fees are to be paid to Lockbox, San Francisco, CA, by the date specified on the Bill for Collection and in advance of cattle entry onto the Salmon-Challis National Forest.

Grazing fees for the 2003 grazing season are \$1.35 per Head Month. The Forest Service will be billing for BLM portions of the allotment.

In 2003 the Forest Service will be billing \$.10 per Head Month for the Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission (IRRC). This will be done separately from your grazing fees for the Forest Service.

VI. ACTION SUMMARY

Anticipated problem	Probable solution
Stragglers left after herd leaves unit.	Rider has to check back regularly until all cows are removed
Cattle getting into the Resource Pasture	Periodically check the Exclosure for cattle use. Extend fence on south side of Wagonhammer.
Drift off the allotment	When in Silverleads units, check for drift into Sheep Creek
Cattle trailing back into Middle Wagonhammer Unit from Lower Wagonhammer Unit.	Permittees will ride the Lower Wagonhammer Unit frequently to make sure cattle donot go back into the Middle Wagonhammer Unit..

I have reviewed and accepted this Annual Operating Instructions for the 2003 grazing season.
Any changes to these Annual Operating Instructions must be approved by the District Ranger.

Permittee_____ Date_____

Forest Officer_____ Date_____